

Wednesday, 22 November 2006
Stamford Plaza Melbourne
Buckingham Room
111 Little Collins Street
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

2:00pm Registration – Afternoon Tea

2:30pm Introduction

Charles Rance, General Manager Victoria, SAS Institute Australia

2:35pm Welcome

Tony Wohlers, SMUG President,

2:40pm Perl Regular Expressions in SAS

Matthew Rodger - NAB

Bio - Matt has six years experience of using SAS in the financial services industry. Matt was first introduced to SAS at Suncorp before recently moving to NAB's Decision Science team within the Cards Division.

Abstract – SAS already has good string manipulating capability. With Perl regular expressions in version 9, this capability has been extended much further. For example have you ever wondered how to easily validate an e-mail address. In this presentation, we will show how Perl regular expression in SAS can be used to solve these and other problems. Various examples will be used to highlight how Perl regular expressions can provide additional functionality over and above standard SAS string manipulation code

3:10pm Coffee Break

3:25pm SAS 9.2– What's coming

James Foster - SAS, Technology Strategist

Abstract - The next major release of the SAS platform will be SAS 9.2. This release continues the evolution begun with SAS9 and this session will talk about the general themes of the upcoming release and related architecture, with an emphasis on what is relevant to the SAS user.

3:55pm Missing in more ways than one

Philip Crane – Victorian WorkCover

Abstract – An introduction to the special missing values SAS has for numeric data.

4.10pm Sudoku – Logic

Lindsay Oxhenham

Bio – Lindsay has been using SAS since 1981 and has presented papers at SMUG and SUGA

Abstract - Lindsay will demonstrate logic to solve Sudoku puzzles. By using BASE & MACRO SAS, Lindsay will ask the audience to come out with a better solution. A topic for future SMUG meetings

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4:25pm Session Close followed by Christmas drinks and canapes